XX YEARS OF ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT (1965—1985)

This is to introduce our reader to the consecutive yearly publication of the economic section "Annales UMCS" for the year 1984. Its character does not differ from the previous ones. As before, it presents the differentiated and many-sided scientific output of the staff of the Economic Department at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University and of the group of economists, members of the Lublin Agricultural Academy.

However, there are two reasons for which the present volume deserves special attention. Firstly, it appears in the fourtieth anniversary of the foundation of our University, which means twenty years of the activity of the Economic Department. Secondly, almost half of the papers included here are translated into foreign languages.

Throughout the period of the twenty years of the existence of the Department of Economy, it managed to attain very good housing conditions and it considerably developed its scientific and didactic activity. This evident growth was marked above all in the development of the academic staff and in the great scale on which the education of students is conducted. Here, it is better to quote some numbers which in this case speak more than the words.

In 1965 the Department began its work, with the staff estimating twenty-one members in eleven research-didactic units (faculties). The then only faculty — economics of agriculture received sixty-eight students.

In the academic year 1983/1984 one hundred and thirty academic teachers worked within the new organizational structure of the Department in two institutes (Economics of Production, Organization and Management, Theory of Socio-Economic Development) and at the Faculty of Political Economy, together with the economists of the branch of UMCS in Rzeszów. Nowadays, the three specializations: economics, organization of production (with the speciality of economics ad organization of agriculture, and economics and organization of industry), organization of management, and socio-economic one received the total number of two thousands and fifty-seven students (including eight hundred and twelve in the branch of UMCS in Rzeszów).

One hundred and four persons took a doctor's degree at the Department, in this sixty-four persons employed here. Two thousands six hundred and ninety-one persons graduated from the Department including masters and diploma economists.

Throughout last years, members of the staff of the Department

contributed a lot to the economic sciences and they united their activity with the economic practice of the region. They also came into contacts with foreign academic centres. The organs of Lublin economists, H section "Annales UMCS" reach the points of the exchange of information in Poland and abroad. Adopting the practice of publishing the papers in this volume in foreign languages is going to increase the interests in the achievements of Lublin economists.

What make significant attainments of the Department are considerable research results, good level of education and above all, numerous young and talented staff of doctors. This allows us to surmise that the further growth of the university's circle of economists will be continued in the proper direction.

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